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ENTITLED: ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SAME AND
DECODING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF SAME

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

- ☒ Transmitted herewith is an Amendment.
- ☒ No additional fee is required for additional Independent, Dependent or Multiple Dependent Claims.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached for additional Independent, Dependent or Multiple Dependent Claims.
- ☐ A Petition for a __ month Extension of Time.
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Respectfully submitted,

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**Response and Amendment "A" to
First Office Action**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the first Office Action, mailed February 26, 2001, in the above-identified application, and allowing three months for response. This amendment is timely because it is being filed within the time period set for response.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Title:

Please cancel the present title and insert therefor:

--Parallel Encoding and Decoding Processor System and Method--

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 7, with the following paragraph:

The present invention relates to an encoding apparatus for transforming data such as video data and audio data, for example, the MPEG method (high quality moving

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